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Premier Cricket Summary of Bylaw & Playing Condition Changes 2026-27 Season

Bylaws

Men's 1st Grade (Division 1) Grand Final – This match will now be scheduled as a three-day match. If there is no result in the GF, the side finishing higher at the end of the minor round will be the premiers.

Men's 1st Grade Division 2 – The team finishing top at the end of the Minor Round will be the Division 2 Premiers.

Men's 1st Grade/2nd Grade Promotion/Relegation – The 2 up/2 down has been replaced with:

- Bottom placed D1 Team will be relegated to D2,
- The top placed D2 Team will be promoted to D1,
- The 7th placed D1 team and 2nd placed D2 team will play a Promotion Qualification match with the winner to play in D1 the following season and the loser in D2,
- The 2nd placed D2 team can only be promoted by winning the Promotion Qualification match (i.e. a draw or tie means the status quo remains. This applies irrespective of the reasons for the result (i.e. GWL preventing a result from being achieved or no result in the 2 days play).

Men's 1st Grade (both Divisions) & 2nd Grade – A bonus match point system will be introduced, as follows:

- Applies in Minor Round matches only,
- Applies in the first 80 overs of each team's first innings only,
- Batting team – 0.01 points/run scored in the first 80 overs of the innings
- The batting team will only score points if they have scored 175 runs or more at the completion of the 80th over,
- Bowling Team – 0.2 points per wicket taken which applies to all wickets taken at the completion of the 80th over.



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Men's 1st Grade (both Divisions) & 2nd Grade – Match Points will be changed as follows:

- Outright win after first innings win = 35 points (previously 30),
- Outright loss after first innings win = 15 (previously 20),
- Outright win after first innings loss = 20 points (previously 10),
- Points where a Tie is involved in either innings have also changed accordingly.

Playing Conditions

Under 14 – Law 4 – Ball changed from 2 Piece to 4 Piece Senator 156 gram.

Woman's 2nd Grade – Law 28 – Fielding Restrictions introduced (restrictions equivalent to Women's 1st Grade).

Junior Grades One Day Matches – Law 12 – A latest scheduled finish time (and corresponding overs) has been introduced when play is interrupted due to Pitch, Ground, Weather or Light after the match has commenced. The latest finish time is 30 minutes after the original scheduled finish time (with required overs calculated accordingly). There was previously no restriction and play continued until a result was achieved or GWL (normally it got dark) forced play to end quite late. This finish time/overs requirement applies irrespective of the match status (i.e. the match result may be a draw unless one of the sides has won the match).

Woman's 1st Grade – Law 12 – Scheduled close of play may be extended up to 30 minutes when playing time is lost due to GWL before overs are reduced in the match (similar to Men's Limited Over Matches).

Law 16 – One Eliminator Applies – Limited Over Match Playing Conditions, when scores are equal the "one Eliminator" (i.e. super over) **WILL** apply to the following grades:

- Hahn One Day Cup – Minor and Major Rounds,
- Senior Men's T20 (All grades) - Minor and Major Rounds,
- Men's 4th Grade – Minor and Major Rounds,
- Under 17 Competition – Minor and Major Rounds,
- Under 13/Ray Sutton - Minor and Major Rounds,
- Junior T20 Matches, All grades - Minor and Major Rounds,
- Woman's 1st Grade - Minor and Major Rounds,
- Woman's 2nd Grade - Minor and Major Rounds,
- Woman's T20 Matches - Minor and Major Rounds.



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Law 16 – One Eliminator Does Not Apply – Limited Over/One Day Match Playing Conditions, when scores are equal, the “one Eliminator” (i.e. super over) **WILL NOT** apply to the following grades:

- Men’s 2nd Grade,
- Men’s 3rd Grade,
- Under 15.5 Grade,
- Under 14 Grade.

Preamble & Law 12 – Men’s 1st Grade (Division 1) – Three Day Playing Conditions added (for use in Men’s 1st Grade D1 GF), including:

- Compulsory Declaration at 150 overs for side batting first,
- Make up time to carry over through all days (same conditions as 2 day matches),
- Match may end at any time if both Captains agree,
- If no result is achieved the side finishing higher at the end of the minor round will be the premiers.

Law 15.2 – Men’s 1st Grade – A Captain is now prevented from forfeiting their first innings in any match (this Law of Cricket is replaced by a new PC).

Preamble – Men’s 1st Grade (both Divisions) & 2nd Grade – Playing a one-day match on day 2 (of a 2 day match) when no play occurs on day 1 in all matches in that grade has been removed. All 2 day matches remain 2 day matches and the # of overs in each match and match result will be determined at each ground depending on conditions at each ground.